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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and <sup>§ 1.98</sup>, Applicants submit for the Examiner's consideration copies of the references listed on the attached PTO form FB-A820.

Each of the references was cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in respect of a counterpart foreign application in a Search Report. The references are in the Japanese language. Other than the brief abstract provided with each reference, no written English-language translation of the references currently are within the possession, custody or control

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of, or readily available to, any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c).

Any or all of these references may not constitute prior art to the subject matter of the invention claimed in the pending application, and are disclosed herein in an abundance of caution.

Applicants ask the Examiner to consider these references in examining the application.

As fewer than three months have elapsed since the filing of this divisional application, it is believed that no fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

The documents listed on the enclosed Form FB-A820 have come to the attention of the Applicant and are submitted to the Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/556,516 filed November 13, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,603,721 and which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/281,790, filed July 28, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,514,154. A copy of each of the listed documents can be found in U.S. Patent No. 5,603,721.

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